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URANIUM MINING AND MILLING COMPLEX, MAYLI-SAY, USSR

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An examination of KEYHOLE photography of the uranium mining and milling complex (41-15N 72-28E) near Mayli-Say, USSR, (Figure 1) reveals that since [REDACTED] there has been no addition to the production facilities of the uranium grinding and mixing plants. A search of photography of an area within a 50-nautical-mile (nm) radius of Osh (40-32N 72-48E), located approximately 50 nm south-southeast of Mayli-Say, yielded no evidence of current uranium-processing activities.

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The complex near Mayli-Say was previously reported in detail from TALENT photography of [REDACTED] 1/. The [REDACTED] photography, which was of better quality, provided most of the details. For purposes of updating that information, the [REDACTED] KEYHOLE photography is of little value because of darkness. The best recent coverage of the Mayli-Say complex is from Mission [REDACTED] (Figure 2).

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The 13 uranium mines of the Mayli-Say complex appear active. New scarring is observed in the eastern part of the complex, but the small scale of the photography limits interpretation and mensuration. The previously observed tailings dump in the vicinity of the uranium production plant has increased in size by approximately 30 percent since [REDACTED] and a new tailings dump has been started west of the old dump. In [REDACTED] the

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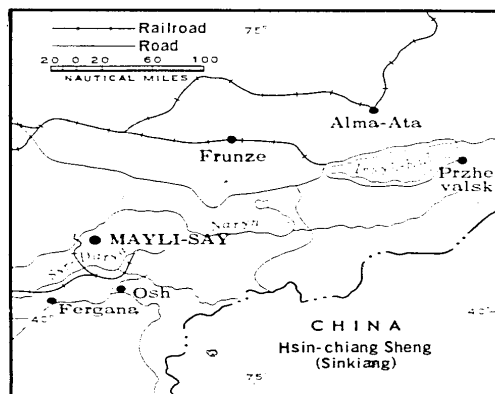
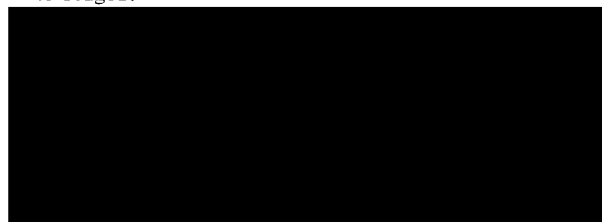


FIGURE 1. LOCATION OF URANIUM MINING AND MILLING COMPLEX NEAR MAYLI-SAY, USSR.

level of the old dump had reached the base of a delta-shaped plateau wedged between two ridges. By [REDACTED] the dump had reached a level midway between the levels of the plateau and the ridges.

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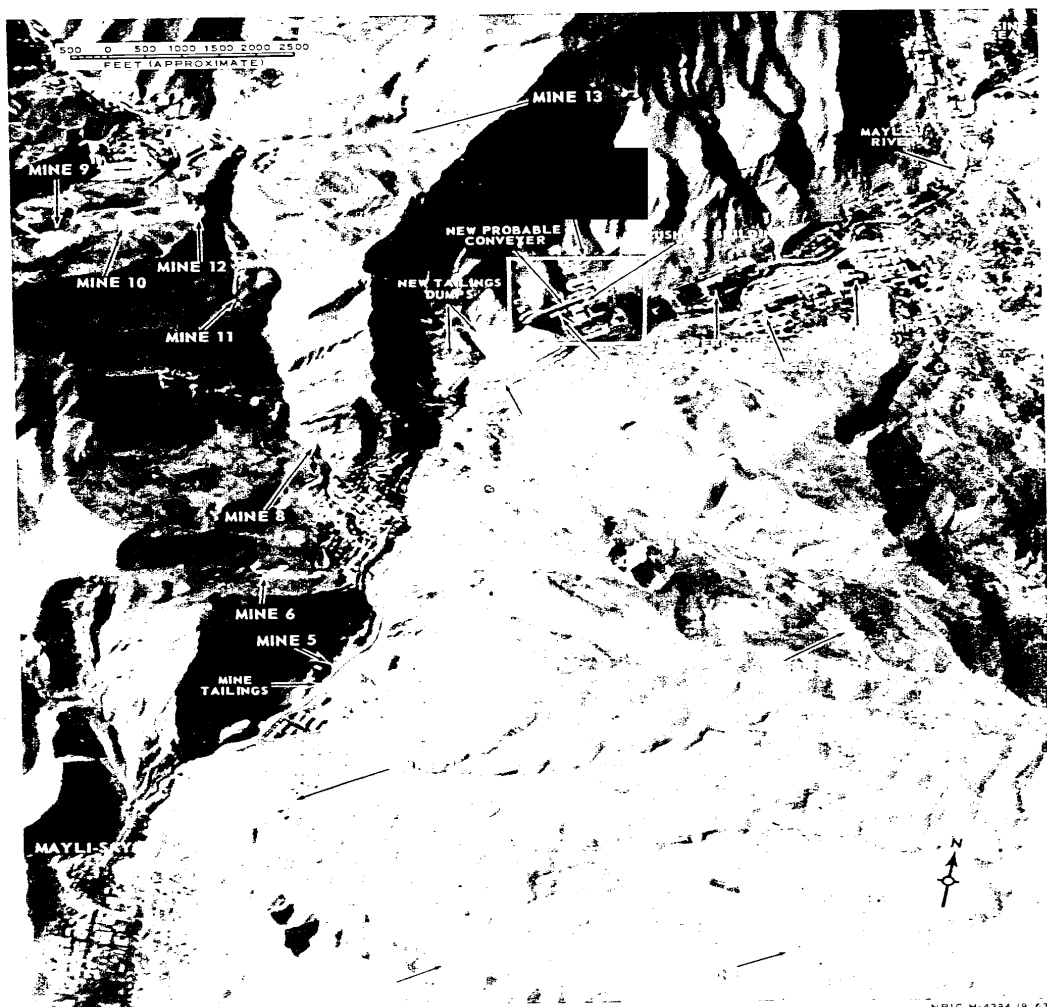


FIGURE 2. URANIUM MINING AND MILLING COMPLEX, [REDACTED] Uranium mines 7 and 1 and three coal mines are not shown.

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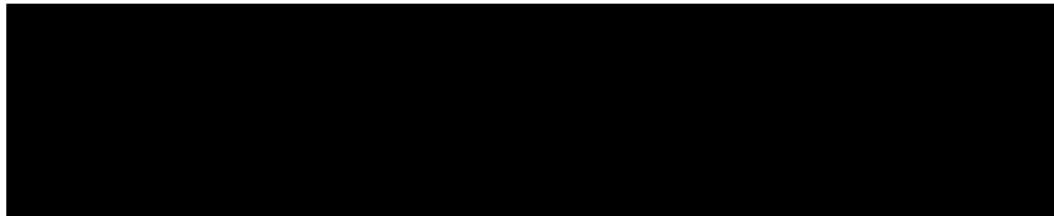
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MAPS OR CHARTS

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